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Applicants : B. Muller-Rober et al.  
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FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

New York, New York  
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Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated September 22, 1998. With the extension, a response is due on or before March 22, 1999. A check in the amount of \$1,850.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 96-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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